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Language Lessons for [REDACTED]

Reference: [REDACTED] 12 October 1948

[REDACTED] 14 January 1949

CFB Regulations, 1 February 1949

ADSO Memo to Foreign Branch Chiefs, 27 April 1949

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1. It is requested that permission be granted to [REDACTED] Chief, [REDACTED] to study [REDACTED] language at the expense of the Government, as outlined in [REDACTED] (attached), under provisions of ADSO Memorandum to Foreign Branch Chiefs, and Confidential Funds Regulations, Para 10.1.

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a. Such training is of immediate operational necessity inasmuch as [REDACTED] is constantly in contact with native personnel in the various posts under his jurisdiction, in connection with Customs clearances and regulations, etc., for the recently-inaugurated "round-robin" flights as well as for local procurement of operational supplies. Future planning in this area, moreover, includes the probability of training programs for indigenous personnel, with the concurrent need for an instructor capable of conversing in a language understood by the trainees. [REDACTED] is generally understood throughout the Middle East and would, therefore, be an excellent basic language for such purposes.

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b. [REDACTED] has estimated the cost at \$110 for a basic course.

c. In the matter of expediting shipments through Customs, obtaining better prices on locally-procured operational supplies, as well as maintaining better relations with the local populations, such language lessons would be of direct benefit, economically and politically, to the Government.

2. In view of the above, it is requested that early action be taken on this matter, in order that the field may be notified.

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